

WA-II-436

ABSTRACT

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Late 18th Century

House Associated with Antietam Ironworks

Sharpsburg Vicinity

private

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WA-II-436
District 1
Map 80
Parcel 101

2203802204

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

House Associated With Antietam Ironworks

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Antietam Village

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF Sharpsburg

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

___COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ENTERTAINMENT

___RELIGIOUS

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___MILITARY

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Margaret Mentzer

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1

CITY, TOWN

Sharpsburg

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21782

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 491

Folio #: 074

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

National Register of Historic Places

DATE

☒ FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21404

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

___EXCELLENT
 X___GOOD
 ___FAIR

___DETERIORATED
 ___RUINS
 ___UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

___UNALTERED
 X___ALTERED < 50%

CHECK ONE

X___ORIGINAL SITE
 ___MOVED DATE_____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located in the village of Antietam about three miles south of Sharpsburg on the Harper's Ferry Road in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on a bluff overlooking the Antietam Creek and the site of the Antietam Ironworks, an 18th and 19th century iron furnace. It faces south.

The Antietam Village and ironworks site has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The information compiled for the Register describes and discusses the significance of Antietam as a major iron producing complex in Maryland during colonial times and the early years of the Republic.

This two story, five bay house, associated with the ironworks is constructed of roughly coursed local fieldstone. Its walls have been painted white and show no decorative masonry at the door or window openings. The structure appears to have been built in two parts with an interior stone wall running from north to south between its second and third bays from the west gable end. It would seem that the western portion of this house is an addition. Other additions include a small one story stone and frame lean-to at the east end wall and an enclosed section of porch at the west end of the front elevation. It has been constructed into the hillside so that two full stories are exposed only at the front elevation.

Windows are not spaced symmetrically in the walls. Most have massive wooden frames joined with pegs which hold two over two pane double hung sashes that have replaced the originals.

Entrances are located in the second bays from the east and west gable ends. Both are treacherously simple. Large brick chimneys are located inside each gable end. The roof is covered with sheet metal and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. Eaves boxing is finished with a course of quarter round molding.

The interior of the house is divided into three rooms set on an axis. The easternmost room appears to have had a large service fireplace. Along its west partition wall is a stair which rises from the north side of the house. The west wall of the middle room is of stone construction and was presumably the original end of the house. The westernmost room has a fireplace and a stairway rising, like the other one from the north along the east wall. There is evidence of a partition which at one time separated the stair area from the remainder of the room. The second entrance opened into this hall. At the second story all interior walls are of tongue and groove boards.

The house is in good condition and stands on a tract containing .75 acres.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 <u>Late</u> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 <u>Early</u> COMMERCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Additional information on the Village of Antietam may be found in the National Register Form and in Survey Worksheets WA-II-031, WA-II-032 and WA-II-033.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .75 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

July 1976

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Quadrangle*

